

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 663
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University on being ranked sixth in the nation for its programs in rural medicine by *U.S. News and World Report*.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pay tribute to those remarkable institutions that have made significant contributions to their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University is one such remarkable educational institution that is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine was ranked sixth in the nation among more than 300 schools by *U.S. News and World Report* for its rural medicine programs; and

WHEREAS, since the school was founded 20 years ago, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine has concentrated on offering unique programming and encouraging medical students to work in rural and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, under the sagacious leadership of Dr. Ronald D. Franks, the James H. Quillen College of Medicine has been consistently recognized as one of the premier medical schools in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, the school's commitment to rural communities is evidenced by its sterling programs, including the ETSU Community Partnerships for Health Professions Education Program, the Appalachian Preceptorship Program and the Graduate Health Professions Education Initiative; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause in their deliberations to specially honor this exceptional institution for higher learning in medicine; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Dean Ronald Franks, President Paul Stanton, the administration, faculty, staff and student body of the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University on being ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as sixth in the nation among graduate schools for their exemplary programs in rural medicine, and wish them much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.